

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DON GRUNEISEN FOR RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS BETSY KAPLAN AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Gruneisen for receiving the prestigious Betsy Kaplan Award from the St. Lawrence County Republican Committee.

Mr. Gruneisen has been a dedicated community leader in St. Lawrence County for decades. Since he first became active in local politics in the 1980s, he has been a consistent voice for the members of his community and the causes that he believes in. Today, he serves as the St. Lawrence County Republican Committee Treasurer, a Regional GOP Chairman, and as the Potsdam Republican Town Chair.

The Betsy Kaplan Award, named after a former St. Lawrence County Republican Committee Chairperson, is given by the St. Lawrence County Republican Executive Committee to Republicans who go above and beyond to serve their North Country community. Based on Mr. Gruneisen's decades of activism and service, he is undoubtedly deserving of this recognition. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I thank Mr. Gruneisen for his service to the North Country and congratulate him on receiving this award.

HONORING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM FLORES

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Flores for his outstanding professional football career and his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Tom Flores, born in Fresno and raised in Sanger, California, was inducted to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on August 8, 2021. After playing as quarterback for Fresno City College and then University of the Pacific, Flores began his professional career with the Calgary Stampeders of Canadian Football League. Although he would be cut in 1958 and cut from the Washington Redskins of the National Football League (NFL) in 1959, Flores won the starting quarterback position with the American Football League's Oakland Raiders in 1960.

During his career, Flores also played for the Buffalo Bills and the Kansas City Chiefs, winning his first Super Bowl as quarterback with the latter in 1969. Following his retirement, Flores worked as an assistant coach with the Buffalo Bills and Oakland Raiders, later being named head coach for the Raiders in 1979

and leading the team to Super Bowl victories in 1980 and 1983.

After working as the President and General Manager of the Seattle Seahawks, Flores went on to lead the Seahawks as head coach for three seasons before spending over 20 years as a radio analyst with the Raiders.

Despite his incredible success, Flores never forget his roots. His foundation, the Tom Flores Foundation, raised nearly 2 million dollars for Sanger Unified School District art, science, and athletic programs. In addition to being the first Hispanic quarterback in the American professional football, Flores is also the first Hispanic head coach in NFL history. The son of immigrants, he is an inspiration to countless young athletes in the Central Valley and all over the country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Tom Flores and honoring his contributions to the NFL and the Central Valley.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY EUGENE "GENE" A. VITTONI II

HON. GUY RESCENTIALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life of Washington County District Attorney (DA) Eugene "Gene" A. Vittone, II, who passed away on August 21st, 2021 at the age of 61.

A Washington County, Pennsylvania native, Gene Vittone grew up in Monongahela and graduated from Peters Township High School in 1977. He earned a degree in biological science, graduating from the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) in 1981. Gene later returned to Pitt to earn a master's degree in health administration and business administration.

Following graduation, Gene felt the call to help others and became a paramedic, later helping manage Ambulance and Chair EMS in Washington. Gene attended Duquesne University's law program, while still serving as a paramedic, and graduated in 1997. He maintained his paramedic certification for the rest of his life.

Gene started in the Washington County DA's office as an assistant DA in 1998. While there, he handled juvenile court and several trial lists and covered felony criminal trials. Gene also developed the Drug Treatment Court for the county.

In 2011, Gene was elected top prosecutor and began his term as the opioid crisis was unfolding in Pennsylvania and across the nation. As co-chair of the Opioid Overdose Coalition, he was adamant that law enforcement could not, "arrest their way out of" the opioid epidemic. Gene focused on treatment for users while aggressively pursuing dealers, oftentimes working across the aisle or with the

federal government. He was instrumental in bringing lifesaving Narcan to Washington County and pioneered the establishment of prescription drop-off boxes.

Gene was one of the first DAs in the area to introduce a full-time victim advocate to work alongside attorneys on domestic abuse cases. He was also committed to addressing elder abuse and served on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Elder Law Task Force. His care for others fueled his incredible work ethic, and he continued to work throughout his battle with lung cancer. A testament to how much his peers respected him, Gene was elected president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association in July 2021.

Gene was a committed community member, father, and husband. He was an assistant Scout Leader for Troop 1419 in Bentleyville and coached baseball for the Bentworth Baseball Association. Gene sang with Washington Festival Chorale and his parish choir. He is survived by his wife, Jane Ann Vittone, and his two children, Michael and Laura.

Madam Speaker, even in his last days, Gene Vittone lived his life in service to others. He will always be remembered for the countless lives he saved in his fight against the ravages of the opioid crisis. I have no doubt that his incredible legacy will live on in Washington County and across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU) CONFERENCE WEEK

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, today, I introduced a Resolution to recognize National Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Conference Week.

HBCUs are an integral part of our society—academically, socially, and economically. Recognizing the value of HBCUs is vital as we continue to look forward to a more equitable society for all.

To that end, this Resolution provides a brief historical overview of HBCUs and how they came to be, and reaffirms our collective commitment to support the students of these colleges and universities.

THANKING CHRISTOPHER MARTIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my constituent Christopher Martin on

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his retirement this month after a career of more than thirty years as a distinguished Master Cabinet Maker for the U.S. House of Representatives. We depend so greatly on the talented carpentry staff to ensure that House offices are properly equipped to perform the people's work, and I want to thank all of those employees, like Chris, who are working hard to restore, maintain, and upgrade the furnishings of this historic building of more than two centuries.

Chris aspired to be a woodworker from a young age, and he attended the St. Mary's County Technical Center, now called the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. After working on his family's tobacco farm and in several other jobs, including house-building, Chris applied for a job opening in the House cabinet shop. His father had worked for the Congress before serving in the U.S. military, and his mother, also previously in Congressional employment, drove him to the interview. Indeed, Chris grew up in a home steeped in public service and love of country.

Impressing the manager with the breadth of his woodworking knowledge and his hands-on skills, Chris was hired on the spot, and he began serving as an Apprentice Cabinet Maker. He started out running service calls and soon advanced to the position of Journeyman. Chris honed his skills on the job under the tutelage of his former Managers—Art Baltrym, Peter Shipman, and Anthony Thompson—all distinguished furniture makers. One of his most memorable tasks included redesigning the furnishings in the historic office used by Rep. JAMES CLYBURN, now the Democratic Whip. This included constructing a custom desk, glass cabinets, and a matching credenza, all still in use today. The cabinet shop was often called to perform other tasks in the historic Hall of the House, and Chris and his co-workers spent many hours refurbishing the seats on the House Floor and installing safety measures to protect Members in the years after the 9/11 attacks. He also worked on the Floor of the House and on the Speaker's dais and podium.

Chris has been the cabinet shop's Design Specialist for over ten years and has been responsible for designing every piece of constructed furniture during that time. He is considered an exceptionally valuable Master of the Trade. When reflecting on his achievements, Chris has cited countless committee-room renovations and his involvement in completing the equipment consoles on the daises in each of the House's committee rooms.

Chris was here twenty years ago during the tragic 9/11 attacks and the evacuation of the Capitol complex. He was at work when an earthquake struck the District of Columbia, ten years ago, causing structural damage and cracks to the Capitol Building. Chris was also on campus during the fatal shootings of U.S. Capitol Police Detective John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut on July 24, 1998, as well as, earlier this year, during the attack on the Capitol on January 6, when he and so many others had to shelter in place. Like so many others serving in House employment, Chris has been a firsthand witness to history and to the challenges and threats facing the Capitol and all who work here.

During the COVID pandemic, Chris has taken a lead role in the shop. He has continued to demonstrate high standards with re-

spect to building and design, and he has been assigning work, answering calls, attending meetings, and handling shop attendance during these trying times and while working to protect the health and safety of his co-workers. I continue to express my admiration for all of those, like Chris and his colleagues, who are working here during the pandemic to keep Congress operating and to help Members perform their jobs for the American people.

Chris is retiring after an illustrious career in House employment, and I am told that he plans to spend more time pursuing his passions of fishing, hunting and drag racing while continuing to work part-time in electrical and woodworking. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in extending congratulations to Chris Martin for his many years of dedication, superb craftsmanship, and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives, many of which we literally sit in today on this Floor. I join in wishing him a very enjoyable retirement and thank him for all of his hard work in service to this House and to our country.

HONORING TOM BURKE FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE KERN COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Burke for his exemplary leadership in serving the residents of Kern and Tulare County for 20 years in his role as the Kern Community College District (KCCD) Chief Financial Officer and Chancellor.

Tom graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 1981, and has lived in Bakersfield, California since. Before working for the KCCD, Tom was employed by the Getty Oil Company from 1981 to 1985 and earned his master's degree from California State University, Bakersfield shortly thereafter. He moved on to work for Contel, a telecommunications company, until joining Bakersfield College in 1997 as the Director of Business Services. In 2001, Tom was tapped to be the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the KCCD, beginning a long career serving community colleges in the Kern and Tulare counties. When Tom first took over as CFO, the district's finances were shaky and the fiscal reserve was only at 5% of its annual operating budget, making the district vulnerable to financial difficulties. As of this past year, the district's reserve is about 50% of its annual operating budget, making it one of the healthiest in the State of California. The turnaround is a testament to Tom's leadership and commitment to our community.

In 2017, Tom was appointed Chancellor of the KCCD, a widely supported move that was also endorsed by the Bakersfield College Student Government Association, who called him a "champion for student voice and concerns." While Tom retired from his role in July of this past year, his mark on the Kern Community College District will undoubtedly endure. As Chancellor, Tom oversaw Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College, and Porterville College. His deep understanding of student's needs and higher education allowed the district to in-

crease its enrollment and seamlessly transition to virtual learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tom played a significant role in overseeing the management of the district's water-improved bond monies, which aimed to fund new construction projects throughout the KCCD, such as the Bakersfield College Vernon Valenzuela Veteran Resource Center. Under his leadership, Bakersfield College saw its largest graduating class in history, and the district's three schools were among California's community colleges that were least affected by the pandemic in terms of enrollment.

Throughout his 20-year tenure with the district, Tom devoted himself to improving community education and serving others. He has worked to ensure that all students are provided with the resources and services that are fundamental to an effective education, and in doing so, Tom has established himself as an educational standard and community leader of utmost integrity, generosity, and competency. I am grateful for Tom's friendship and the service he has provided for the Kern and Tulare communities. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I wish Tom and his wife, Tina, the best as he embarks on this next chapter in his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
WILEY GAINES, JR.

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James "Jim" Wiley Gaines, Jr., who passed away on Friday, August 27, 2021, at the age of 85. Jim was a longtime resident of Tyler County, and deeply respected by all who knew him.

Jim was born on July 19, 1936, in Houston, Texas to Evelyn and James Gaines. He was a U.S. Air Force serviceman stationed at Ellington Air Force Base in Houston when he and Lynette married. In 1964, they moved to Woodville and Jim went to work for his father-in-law, Leroy Davis, at Western Auto. Lynette and Jim were blessed with two daughters, Laura and Susan.

Jim served on numerous boards including but not limited to: serving as Past President of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce; Past President of The Woodville Rotary Club; and a member of the Board of Trustees of The Woodville Independent School District. Jim was the recipient of the James E. Wheat Award which recognizes truly exceptional leaders. He unselfishly gave of his time and talents to the Tyler County Dogwood Festival, a festival that celebrates the traditions and beauty of East Texas.

In 1978, Jim pursued a new vocation, steadfastly serving as an R.N. He worked in both nursing and administration at the Tyler County Hospital. Jim also worked part-time at Woodville Health and Rehab which he felt was one of the most rewarding jobs he had ever had the privilege to perform. In 2020, he and Lynette moved to Beaumont to be closer to family.

Jim Gainey is remembered by his friends and family as "A devoted husband, loving father, and perfect Papa. He will be remembered for his faithfulness to the Lord, his impassioned love for people, his selfless generosity, and fierce commitment to his family."

Jim is survived by his wife, Lynette Davis Gainey, two daughters and their husbands, Laura and Byron Young of Beaumont, and Susan and Mike Ferguson of Austin, grandchildren Mark Young and wife Katie, Emily Valerio and husband Isaac, William Young, Leah Goertz and husband Ryne, Nathan Watts, and Benjamin Watts, great grandchildren James, Claire, Ellis, Abraham, and Charlotte. He is also survived by two brothers, Hugh Gainey and his wife Elaine Rogers, A.R. and Paul Gainey of Houston, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents James Wiley Gainey and Evelyn Gerrard Gainey, and his sister, Allison Gainey Stephens.

Madam Speaker, I would like to honor my friend, Jim Gainey, for his service to our country and for his many years of faithful service to our community. My thoughts and heartfelt prayers remain with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in August. Headquartered in my home district in LaGrange, Georgia, the association has solidified itself as the premier resource for growers in an area that is essential to Georgia's economy and prosperity.

By providing services such as education programs to maximize production, marketing opportunities to increase profits, and disaster management tools to handle natural disasters and other crises affecting the industry, the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association is without question a cornerstone of agriculture and a boon to specialty crop growers across the state.

Throughout the pandemic, the association has instituted a multitude of innovative solutions aimed toward helping its members and Georgia's specialty crop growers. They have also worked diligently with national organizations and congressional offices to secure relief aid through the Coronavirus Food and Assistance Program for those in need.

As the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association rounds out 25 years, I look forward to a bright future of continued strength and advocacy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this association's great accomplishments.

HONORING SAMANTHA ROSANNE MACON'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Samantha Rosanne Macon of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on the occasion of her 50th birthday. Her continued service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Macon was born in Dearborn, Michigan, to Rose Tripepi and Joseph Czapiewski. A graduate of Annapolis High School, she later attended Henry Ford College and Eastern Michigan University, graduating with honors. Mrs. Macon holds a master's degree in education and teaches at Simpson Middle School in Flat Rock, Michigan. In 2006, she married Dino Macon and together they have two dogs and a cat.

When she is not in the classroom with her middle schoolers, Mrs. Macon continues to teach and serve her community. She can be found at the Eton Senior Center in Dearborn Heights, teaching seniors how to decorate cupcakes. She is also an active member of her church and volunteers there often.

Mrs. Macon is known by friends and family as someone with a kind and generous heart, who is always there to help those in need. In her downtime, she enjoys hosting gatherings for friends and family, visiting the beach, baking, and traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Samantha Rosanne Macon on her 50th birthday. I join with her family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KEVIN VAN BUSKIRK

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of an esteemed leader in Contra Costa County, Kevin Van Buskirk, and congratulate him on his retirement from the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council and Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104.

Kevin was born in Pleasant Hill, California, to Joel and Deanna Van Buskirk. After graduating in 1979, he became a Teamster and worked as a tire man in San Leandro. After his apprenticeship with Marelich Mechanical at the Chevron Campus, he became an official sheet metal worker. While working as a journeyman, foreman, and general foreman, Kevin actively organized with Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104 by attending meetings, events, union pickets, and protests.

In November of 1995, Kevin was appointed as the union's first full-time organizer. As an example of the important work he has done, his efforts to hold a particular non-union company accountable led to the involvement of the

Santa Clara County District Attorney and the revelation of ongoing wage theft. In 2000, Kevin was elected Business Representative for Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104. He also served as a delegate to the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council, as well as a delegate to the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. In 2007, Kevin became President of the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council and Vice President of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

In these capacities, he has negotiated numerous project labor agreements and has assisted many young men and women, as well as our returning veterans, into the trades.

Kevin firmly believes that becoming a unionized tradesman has resulted in the success of his career and the ability to provide for his family.

I wish Kevin well in his retirement and thank him for his enduring commitment to the rights of all workers. Please join me in honoring Kevin Van Buskirk for his many contributions to our community.

HONORING ROBERT AND DIANE FINDLAY AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Diane and Robert Findlay as Iowans of the Week.

Every day, people of all ages and backgrounds read books for different reasons. Some read books to spark their imagination, and others read books for more insight on fascinating topics. For Diane and Robert Findlay, books are so much more than that. The Findlays started a book club in their community of Dallas Center, Iowa called Read & Serve. This group is not your average get-together to discuss the week's literature. The Read & Serve book club is made up of members of different faiths, like Baha'is, Christians, and free thinkers alike. While their faiths vary, they all share a common passion: community. Diane and Robert belong to the Baha'i faith, and they constantly look for opportunities to get involved in their local community, specifically through prayer, learning, and serving with neighbors and friends.

While the Read & Serve book club enjoys discussing their current readings, they also enjoy participating in service projects to further cultivate their collective sense of community. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the Findlay's book club still wanted to find a project to get involved with that allowed them to give back, albeit in a safe manner. They heard of a project happening in New York where people were donating their used books to local and county jails for the incarcerated individuals to delve into. The Read & Serve book club connected with the Dallas County Sheriff and Dallas County Jail to see what they could do to get new books into the facility.

The Findlay's book club, with the help of the county jail, created a survey listing a multitude of genres to gauge the interest of the inmates. The survey showed they were interested in almost every genre imaginable. From westerns

to Shakespeare, thrillers to poetry, these individuals seemed eager to get their hands on the covers and their minds into the pages.

Since the Findlays have started this project, they have been sending new copies of used books to the Dallas County Jail every third Tuesday each month. After the local news covered their story, more and more people from across their community, even across the country, contacted the Findlays stating their desire to contribute books. Even an author from Texas contributed signed copies of books they have published all because they were inspired by the Findlay's story.

Diane and Robert have felt the most rewarding aspect of their project is seeing how much interest has been generated in their community and around the country. They have received many calls and emails expressing gratitude for their efforts to support a community within our country that is often forgotten. Many of these calls and emails are accompanied by requests to send the Findlays more books, or even requests for instructions as to how others can start similar projects in their own communities.

Books can make profound impacts on the lives of readers. Books inform us, captivate us, and allow us to grow through the stories and narratives laid out on the pages. I'm proud of the work constituents like Diane and Robert are doing, and I'm thrilled that their desire to serve their community has made an impact on communities across the Nation. I am honored to designate Diane and Robert Findlay as our Iowans of the Week.

HONORING MR. AL MAGGINI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Al Maggini in celebration of his 106th birthday on September 5, 2021.

A third generation San Francisco native, Mr. Maggini has served both his country and community for all of his life. A few years after graduating from St. Ignatius College Preparatory in 1933, Mr. Maggini enlisted in the Army Air Corps to serve his country. He became a World War II B-17 Navigator who flew 35 bombing missions over Germany and was widely acknowledged for his bravery. After the war, he returned to Sonoma County where he began work as a stockbroker. After moving to Santa Rosa, Mr. Maggini taught classes at the Santa Rosa Junior College for eleven years, and eventually served as a member of the College's board of trustees for 34 years. Mr. Maggini worked late into his 90's while continuing to volunteer for the community in numerous ways.

Mr. Maggini's extensive history of community service goes back as far as 1949. During this time, he was one of the founders of the Youth Baseball League of Sonoma Valley and was the first President of the Sonoma Valley Little League. In 1954, he became one of the leaders of the fundraise drive for the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital's first expansion campaign and remained a foundation board member and advisor. He is an active fundraiser for the Provident St. Joseph Memorial Founda-

tion, which raises funds to help support the needs of local hospitals. In addition, he has served as Chairman of the St. Joseph Memorial Fund campaign, helping to raise \$10 million for the heart center. In recognition of Mr. Maggini's service to Sonoma County, the Santa Rosa Junior College named Maggini Hall in his honor.

Mr. Maggini has continuously dedicated his time to raising money for the Hanna Boys Center, along with serving on their Board of Directors. In recognition of his service, he was presented the 2018 Frank P. Doyle Award, which honors leaders in local business who go above and beyond in dedicating their time, energy, and resources to serving the needs of their community. In addition, Mr. Maggini is the oldest World War II veteran in Sonoma County, and among a handful of World War II Veterans in California. At 106, he remains an active public servant and is beloved by his community.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Al Maggini is truly a model citizen and an exemplary civil servant. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING JACOB DAVIS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jacob Davis, Jr., of Pierce County, Georgia, for his 100th birthday on October 6.

A lifelong resident of Georgia's First Congressional District, Jacob has devoted his life to his community and country.

He was drafted into the United States Navy in 1943 and was stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois. He served as a fireman on an aircraft carrier that performed test flights for the military. After being discharged from the military in December of 1945, Jacob returned to his family farm and married the love of his life, Jenny Henderson.

Over Jacob's lifetime of farming, he has accumulated over one thousand acres of farmland. To this day, he continues his work on his pecan orchard. If the sun is shining, Jacob can be found outside working.

Although he has worked hard his entire life, Jacob was, and still is, a devoted and loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

I am proud to rise today to recognize Jacob's birthday and his lifetime of service and leadership to Georgia's First Congressional District.

HONORING STEVE BOWMAN, VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR CLINTON COUNTY, ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Bowman on the occasion of his retirement as the Veterans Services Agency Director for Clinton County, New York.

Steve has dedicated his life to the well-being of his country and his community. He served honorably in the United States Air Force for 18 years before retiring in 1994. In 2004, Steve was appointed as the Director of Veterans Services Agency for Clinton County. In this role, he has worked tirelessly to support the veteran community, serving a staggering 800 veterans a month on average. Throughout my time in Congress, Steve has been a vital resource, working closely with my office to assist veterans throughout the North Country.

In addition to his work as the Director of Veterans Services, he is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the North Country Veterans Association. Finally, on top of everything he has done for the Clinton County veteran community, Steve and his wife Gail are also small business owners, operating a family diner in Rouses Point.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Steve and congratulate him on reaching this important milestone. His dedication to our North Country veterans has left a significant impact on the community. I wish him all the best in this next chapter of his life.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
JAYNE M. ROTH'S RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Jayne M. Roth's outstanding career. Jayne has been a 4-H Youth Development Program Educator with the Ohio State University Extension for forty years and has proven herself to be both a leader and a guide for countless 4-H youth across the state and the nation.

Jayne grew up on a farm in Wayne County near the town of Orrville in Northeast Ohio. She graduated from The Ohio State University in the spring of 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Sciences. She also received a Master of Science Degree in Animal Production. Jayne began her career in Putnam County in 1981 and after four years, she accepted her current position as a 4-H Educator in Wood County.

Over the span of her career, she has been honored with numerous awards, including the Wood County Education for Civic Responsibility Award, the Ohio 4-H Camping Award, and the Ohio 4-H Charles Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award. Jayne has also received the Achievement in Service Award, the Distinguished 4-H Service Award, and the Meritorious Service Award from the National Association of Extension Youth Development Professionals. Jayne has positively impacted the lives of children, teens, and families across Ohio by providing 4-H education while encouraging the volunteer spirit among her 4-H participants. In all aspects of her life, she finds joy in helping others succeed and dedicates her time to building her community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Jayne Roth in recognition of her service to Wood County and the entire 4-H community. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I wish

Jayne Roth all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF FREDDIE GOBLE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Freddie Goble, a beloved Eastern Kentucky friend who recently retired after bringing laughter and joy to our Appalachian communities for the last 30 years through his comedic performances as "Munroe."

Behind Munroe's iconic star-spangled sequin vest, his bird-adorned ballcap and bright red shoes, is a multi-talented artist who found a home with the Kentucky Opry and the Mountain Arts Center (MAC) in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. In addition to serving as the house comedian, Freddie's work behind the scenes brought the MAC to life. He wrote songs, mentored the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, served as Assistant Director of the MAC, and became an ambassador for tourism and home-grown talent in Kentucky's Appalachian region. In fact, he was one of the original champions for construction of the Mountain Arts Center, giving aspiring artists a stage of their own.

Before discovering Munroe, Freddie Goble dedicated his career to transportation planning for the Kentucky Department of Highways and the Big Sandy region, working to make our roads safer in Eastern Kentucky. He is also a former city council member for the City of Prestonsburg and has volunteered his time for countless projects and organizations in the Big Sandy area. His love of Eastern Kentucky was clearly on display long before he ever stepped on stage at the Mountain Arts Center.

As Freddie begins this new chapter of retirement, I want to personally express my appreciation for his work in our region and all the laughter that he shared with us over the years. I wish Freddie and his wife Beverly a retirement filled with many years of happiness and rest with family and friends.

JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS
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HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my strongest support of H.R. 4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021. I'm very proud to be an original cosponsor of this legislation which restores critical protections to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, protecting the right to vote for all Americans.

The disastrous Supreme Court decision of *Shelby County v. Holder* in 2013 gutted the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by eliminating the requirement that certain states or jurisdictions with a history of segregation and voter suppression preclude any changes to their election laws with the Justice Department. With

preclearance no longer in place, dozens of jurisdictions across the country moved to restrict access to the ballot, especially for low-income voters and voters of color. The Supreme Court further gutted the Voting Rights Act in *Brnovich v. DNC* in 2021 by making it significantly more difficult to challenge voting laws that deny or abridge the right to vote based on race, color, or language-minority status.

Today, Americans face the worst voter suppression efforts since the Jim Crow era. In 2021, state lawmakers introduced over 400 voter suppression bills in 49 states, and at least 18 states have enacted 30 laws that restrict access to the ballot. These laws suppress the right to vote by restricting access to mail-in and early voting; reducing the number and availability of polling places; and allowing arbitrary voter purges. It's clear that voter suppression efforts are not a relic of the past and that we must have strong federal laws in place to protect the fundamental right to vote.

In my view, no legislation could be as important as this because the right to vote goes to the very core of our democracy. H.R. 4 was named in honor of the civil rights icon and late Member of Congress, John R. Lewis who dedicated his life to the sacred right to vote. This legislation continues John Lewis' cherished legacy and sends a clear message that will resound across our country that any efforts to undermine the sacred right to vote will not be tolerated in our democracy.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this historic legislation because our democracy depends on it.

HONORING TWO ROSIE THE RIVERS
IN GEORGIA'S 14TH DISTRICT

HON. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two constituents in my district: Mary McJunkin, a Rome, Georgia native, who turned 100 years young on August 30, 2021, and Louvenia "Lou" Jordan, who will turn 100 on May 27, 2022. I want to celebrate these extraordinary lives and note their contributions.

First, I want to briefly highlight the great life of Mary McJunkin. Born in Rome, Georgia, on August 30, 1921, Mary McJunkin quit school to care for her younger siblings after her mother's death. Mary grew up working at a ten-cent store on Broad Street and went to the old Rome High School. During that time, and the rest of the time leading up to and during the war, everything was rationed. Ration stamps were used to buy certain things.

When Mary was just 18, she married the love of her life, Guy McJunkin. Guy and Mary were together 69 years before he passed away. Mary and Guy had just gotten married when he was drafted into the Army after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. From there, he was moved to San Pedro, California at Fort McArthur. At first, Mary wasn't going to follow him, but he called her one day and asked her to move to California. "I remember saying to him, 'I haven't ever been that far! I've been in Rome my entire life!'"

It didn't take long before Mary changed her mind and jumped on a Greyhound bus the

very next day. She was 18 years old and traveled all the way across the United States. It took five days and four nights to get there. "When I got out to California after the long bus ride my husband, who guarded the coastline which was a target for the Japanese, had to pull guard duty that night and couldn't come and pick me up," said Mary.

When Mary got off the bus, she didn't have anywhere to go. Luckily, she found a woman who offered to help her, and she ended up staying at a Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) which is essentially a hostel or recreational facility for women in need.

After that night, Guy and Mary found an apartment in Manhattan Beach, which is when Mary began her work at the El Segundo airplane factory. Mary worked third shift, so she had to take the Greyhound bus in order to go to work from Manhattan Beach to San Pedro/El Segundo, which was about an hour ride both ways. She didn't get any sleep! While at the airplane factory, Mary worked on an assembly line that manufactured parts for planes that were used during World War II. She injured her fingers working on the assembly line and received a new assignment operating a machine that pressed metal rings.

Later, Mary followed her husband to military bases in Kentucky and Oklahoma, where she worked at a grocery store and dress shop, respectively. Mary said she always had to find work because her husband only received \$50 per month from the Army. When her husband shipped out to Italy in 1944, Mary returned to Rome, Georgia.

After the war, Mary's husband worked as a sales representative for Advance Glove Mill, and Mary worked in the home and raised their daughters, Janie and Nancy.

"Becoming a Rosie has given me a lot of pride in what I chose to do back during the war," said Mary.

Approaching this centennial benchmark recently passed by Mary, Louvenia "Lou" has filled her 99 years with much to celebrate and honor.

Born May 27, 1922, Lou Jordan's life began modestly on a farm in North Carolina where she and her seven siblings did chores from sun-up to sun-down. Her father passed on his mathematical skill to his children, all of whom earned scholarships to attend college. Lou selected home economics as her major because "at the time when I was young, there were only three professions for a woman: teacher, secretary, and nurse. Take your choice." When Lou was in college, she had traveled home for Christmas when she learned about the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. When she made it back on campus, all the men had been put on trains as they were drafted for the war.

Lou put her studies on hold and became a cryptographic analyst for the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Arlington Station in Arlington, Virginia when Army tests revealed that she had a technical mind perfect for codebreaking. She worked to break down and decipher decoded messages. "It was like doing algebra all day—finding the unknown." Oftentimes, the messages were about where the troops were stationed or where they were being transferred. However, in one of the codes she helped crack, the group of cryptographers helped to save one small country in the Caribbean Sea.

Lou had to have top security clearance. All the paper they figured on was burned and

then put on an airplane. The airplane would fly over the ocean and scatter the ashes. That is how secret her work was.

On the day the war ended, everyone was out in the streets in Arlington. A streetcar was picked up by the military personnel and moved off to the side. They said, "This street belongs to the United States service" and everyone began dancing in the street.

After the war, Lou married and returned to North Carolina where she worked as a bookkeeper for a local newspaper. She now lives near her daughter in Rome, Georgia, and counts her wartime service among the many ways in which she says: "we got women out of the kitchen."

I commend these lives of selfless service to our Nation and honor them in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING ROBERT "BOB" F. WEINHAGEN, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, my colleague, Mr. YARMUTH of Kentucky, and I would like to recognize the career of Bob Weinhausen, a senior counsel at the House Office of Legislative Counsel, upon his retirement and thank him for his distinguished service to the U.S. House Committee on the Budget and Congress.

Bob is retiring after 50 years of dedicated service to the U.S. House of Representatives. Bob was hired as the fourteenth attorney to serve in the Office of the Legislative Counsel in July 1970. During his career, Bob drafted various banking laws, ethics reforms, and the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970. Bob worked closely with the House Committee on the Budget for most of his career, assisting Committee members and staff in fulfilling our responsibilities under the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. Bob played an invaluable role in drafting budget resolutions from 1981 through 2021 and all budget reconciliation bills since 1981. He also drafted countless budget laws, including the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, the Budget Control Act of 2011, and the Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013, 2015, 2018, and 2019.

We greatly appreciate Bob's dedication and exceptional service over the past 50 years to the House Committee on the Budget and Congress. Bob exemplifies the Office of the Legislative Counsel's high standard of professionalism, expertise, and nonpartisanship. We wish him all the best in his retirement and future endeavors.

HONORING MARY REED

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mary Reed, a distinguished member of the Columbus, Georgia, community, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mary is part of the heartbeat of Columbus. Serving as the longtime Executive Secretary for the Rotary Club of Columbus, she prides herself on perfect attendance and leadership in helping others.

She is an accomplished woman of God, a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Earlier this month, in honor and recognition of her impact in the community, Columbus Mayor Skip Henderson proclaimed Friday, August 25th, 2021, as Mary Reed Day, a fitting tribute.

Madam Speaker, Mary Reed is a shining example of putting service above self, and our community is a better place thanks to her kindness and selflessness. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mary a happy 100th birthday and thank her for her many years of service to our community.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, MR. FRANK J. CHULAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Frank J. Chulay and wish him a very happy 100th birthday on September 13, 2021. Mr. Chulay is a distinguished resident of Lincolnwood, Illinois. He had an honorable civic service career serving the Village of Lincolnwood and served as Village President from 1985 to 1993.

Frank J. Chulay was born on September 13, 1921. He immigrated to the US through Ellis Island at the age of 2 with his parents, Frank and Elizabeth, from the Hungarian part of Romania and moved to the City of Chicago.

Mr. Chulay spent two years at Wright Junior College and attended Chicago Teacher's College, where he met Altanah, and they later married. He volunteered for a program in the Army Air Corps and was called up to active duty in 1943. Mr. Chulay was trained as a pilot and flew B-24 bombers in the South Pacific. He resigned from the military in 1945, attended DePaul University under the GI Bill, and received a degree in accounting in 1946. In 1967 Frank and Altanah moved to Lincolnwood.

Mr. Chulay served as Lincolnwood Village President from 1985 to 1993. He was instrumental in bringing Paramedic Services of Illinois to Lincolnwood in 1989 and helped build the new Village Hall campus. During his term as Mayor, he cast the tiebreaking vote to approve the application to build the Lincolnwood Town Center.

Mr. Chulay treated all he interacted with respect and always put the needs of the Village

residents first. He was active in the Northwest Municipal League, where he served as the President for one term, and active in the National League of Cities.

Mr. Chulay was married to Altanah for 48 years before her death in 1992, and has two children, Jeff and Jill, two grandchildren, Kristin and Amy, and one great-grandson, Matthew. Frank has been married to Irma Chulay since 1995.

I appreciate Mr. Chulay's service to the Lincolnwood community and wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LLOYD DOGGETT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. Every September patients, caregivers, and their families come together throughout our Nation in support of the more than 1,000,000 people of all ages living with hydrocephalus in the United States.

As co-chair of the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus, I believe Congress has an important role to play in both raising awareness of this condition, as well as in crafting policies that result in better treatments and potentially a cure. I urge my colleagues to join the caucus to learn more about this devastating condition. In addition, I urge you to join Representative CHRIS SMITH and I in showing your support for this community by cosponsoring our resolution, H. Res. 20, which supports the goals and ideals of National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

Anyone can develop hydrocephalus, an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, at any time. From children to veterans, the breathtaking prevalence of this condition is reflected in my own district. For example, the physicians and staff at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio perform the brain surgeries necessary to treat many of the one in 770 babies across the country who develop hydrocephalus per year. Nationwide, these cases alone cost the U.S. health care system \$2 billion per year.

Veterans and active military personnel, such as those stationed at Joint Base San Antonio, are also disproportionately affected. Since 2000, more than 370,000 U.S. service members have sustained a traumatic brain injury, and it is estimated that 14 percent of those individuals with severe TBI—over 50,000 service members—could develop hydrocephalus as a result.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hydrocephalus Awareness Month and, more importantly, their constituents, by joining the Congressional Pediatric and Hydrocephalus Caucus and cosponsoring H. Res. 20.

JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS
ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a measure on which I am a proud original cosponsor—H.R. 4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021. Named for my friend and classmate from the 100th Congress, Congressman John Lewis, H.R. 4 honors America's promise to keep our democracy open to all—regardless of gender, income, race, color, or creed.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 are some of the most consequential acts of Congress passed in our lifetime. The Voting Rights Act was a needed countermeasure to the voter suppression efforts emanating across many states as a part of America's "Jim Crow" era.

The Voting Rights Act required preclearance of changes and adjustments made to voting laws by certain states and local jurisdiction—jurisdictions with long and demonstrated histories of discrimination. The jurisdictions captured by the preclearance designation are said to be subject to the "coverage formula."

In 2013, the Supreme Court struck down the "coverage formula" of the Voting Rights Act in many respects. The Court's rationale, with which I disagree, was the discrimination targeted by the original Voting Rights Act is outdated and is no longer relevant. It's a play on the notion of "my ancestors discriminated against you, not me" so there is no allowable remedy for that discrimination and its vestiges.

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act updates the coverage formula component of the Voting Rights Act, using data, testimony, and evidence captured by the House Committee on Administration through various hearings and briefings. Over the course of 13 hearings in two Congresses, including six just this year, the House Judiciary Committee built a substantial record demonstrating the continuing and current need for preclearance protections. Additionally, the House Administration Committee's Elections Subcommittee conducted numerous hearings and issued a report on "Voting In America: Ensuring Free And Fair Access To The Ballot."

The combined record shows that in the absence of a preclearance requirement, a number of states swiftly passed voter suppression laws, including many state and local jurisdictions that had previously been subject to preclearance before the 2013 Supreme Court decision. For example, within 24 hours of the ruling, Texas and North Carolina reinstated voter ID laws, which were later held to be intentionally racially discriminatory. These court rulings, however, came too late for many minority voters. In both states, their discriminatory laws were in effect for three years before being struck down, including during the 2014 midterm elections.

In short, without preclearance, these states were able to hold elections under discriminatory rules that banned minority citizens' ability to vote, and those citizens had no remedy for the harm they suffered. The onslaught of voter suppression targeting minority citizens has continued unabated.

Today, Americans face the worst voter suppression campaign in America since Jim Crow. State lawmakers have introduced over 400 voter suppression bills in 49 states this year alone. And at least 18 states enacted 30 laws that restrict access to the ballot, with likely many more on the way. These laws suppress the vote—they make mail voting and early voting more difficult, reduce availability at polling places, unleash a flurry of faulty voter purges, and exacerbate barriers at poll stations for Americans with disabilities, among other blatant suppression tactics.

Now, with H.R. 4, the House is restoring the preclearance protection with a new formula, which is ironclad constitutionally and which will make significant progress to restore the purpose of the Voting Right Act: "banish the blight of racial discrimination in voting."

As Members of Congress, our duty lies in upholding our democracy and serving the American people. Our nation provides the opportunity for its people to amplify their voices at the ballot box. The United States Constitution allows us to correct any underlying issue that poses a threat to this fundamental right.

I urge my colleagues to cast their vote in favor of this critical measure and to protect every citizen's vote from the wave of voter suppression laws flooding our Nation. Americans deserve nothing less than the ability to participate freely in our nation's political process.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WHITE
HOUSE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DIVERSITY ACT**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, this year's census result shows that the United States population is more ethnically diverse than before. There are many taxpayers whose first language is not English.

Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and French are among the most spoken languages in the United States. People benefit tremendously from having different options to access their government and receive information that may impact their lives. This is why it is imperative that the White House and federal agencies continue to be accessible to all taxpayers.

Therefore, I am reintroducing the White House Accountability for Diversity Act. It is vital for all Americans to be able to follow issues that affect their lives. This legislation will allow for content to be translated into Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, French, and any other language deemed necessary by the Office of Management and Budget. This will ensure that all taxpayers have the option of accessing up-to-date information in their preferred language.

HONORING MR. ARMAND GARCIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brother Armand

Garcia in celebration of his 90th birthday on Sunday, August 29.

The 11th child of Ramon and Soledad Garcia, Brother Armand was born and raised in East Los Angeles. After graduating from Los Angeles College High School, he entered the Christian Brothers Novitiate at Mont La Salle, where he strengthened his deep relationship with God. He graduated in 1957 with his bachelor's in education from St. Mary's College and went on to teach at Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco. He then spent three years as the Director at the St. Joseph Boys Boarding School, and in 1964, he was sent to the Philippines to work at Bacolod High School.

After obtaining his master's in linguistics from the University of Madrid in 1968, Brother Armand became the principal at La Salle High School in Bacolod, Philippines, where he continued to selflessly serve communities in need. He was later honored as The Adopted Son of Bacolod Occidental after being assigned to serve at De La Salle University and the East Asian Pastoral Institute in Manila. In 1977 Brother Armand was sent to Tijuana, Mexico, where he created a successful volunteer-based school as well as the Centro La Salle Tijuana BC Foundation. This foundation grew into the Instituto Miguel-Hidalgo, Inc. Today, the foundation educates thousands of students in Tijuana, emulating the best of Christian Brothers' educational achievements.

It is evident that Brother Armand has been an incredible teacher, mentor, and leader throughout his life of service. He was both a board member and honoree of the Napa Peace Table and the founder of the Instituto Latino De Adultos Foundation, which helps Napa Latinos succeed in their careers. He is described as a master teacher, innovator, community leader, and compassionate spiritual guide in every community he has lived and worked in. Brother Armand is turning 90 years old on Sunday, August 29th. He will be celebrating his birthday surrounded by family and friends at Mont La Salle in Napa.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt Brother Armand Garcia is truly a model citizen and an exemplary civil servant. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF
WAYLAND ROGERS**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my brother, Wayland Douglas Rogers, as we approach the first anniversary of his passing on September 9, 2020.

Wayland was a special addendum from Santa, making his familial debut on December 26, 1941. We had a wonderful childhood, growing up in rural Wayne County, Kentucky. Music was always important to my family, but it was apparent early on that Wayland was gifted in that aspect. While we knew he was extremely talented, as we watched him lead the Wayne County High School marching band as drum major, we never dreamed he'd one day be nominated for a Grammy award.

Wayland went on to study music at the University of Kentucky, Wichita State University,

Northwestern University and the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. He served as artistic director/conductor of The Camerata Singers of Lake Forest, Illinois, and music director at North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield, Illinois. He held faculty appointments at Northwestern University, DePaul University, Loyola University/Chicago, and Western Kentucky University, among other schools.

Wayland's compositions garnered accolades from The Leeds University Liturgical Choir Competition, The Roger Wagner Center Choral Competition, Meistersingers Choral Competition, The Chautauqua Chamber Singers Award, The Illinois American Choral Directors Association Choral Composition Competition, The Vincent B. Silliman Anthem Award and the Thornesian Prize from Chichester, England. In 1986 his recording of Mozart with the Chicago Symphony Winds received a Grammy nomination for best chamber music, losing to Yo-Yo Ma.

Wayland's voice was a gift to his family. Although he never had children of his own, he made a point of staying close with his nieces and nephews, and they adored him. His rich baritone voice graced many a family wedding and funeral.

Wayland didn't limit his magnificent voice to song. He was of the strong conviction that all people are created equal, and he used his voice to speak out against societal inequalities and injustices.

His greatest legacy, though, will be the talented musicians whose careers he helped shape and will continue to help shape long after he's gone. He loved to nurture talent, and throughout his career, Wayland offered guidance, motivation, and support to many young artists. With that goal in mind, before his death Wayland endowed a scholarship with the University of Kentucky's School of Music. I and the rest of his family look forward to following the careers of the recipients of the Wayland Rogers Scholarship for Excellence in the Performance of Art Song.

Through his music and the University of Kentucky School of Music scholarship that bears his name, Wayland's voice will continue for generations. But for his family and friends, his compassion, zest for life, and love of everything beautiful will sing in our hearts forever. Rest in peace, dear brother.

RECOGNIZING CONSTITUTION
WEEK

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Constitution Week and the Theodosia Burr Chapter of the Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

It is a privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred thirty-fourth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention. As citizens of this great nation, we must reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week. It is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation.

Madam Speaker, I join the Theodosia Burr Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American people in recognizing September 17 through September 23, 2021 as Constitution Week and honor the Framers for their contributions.